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Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act

Section 1.767(a) Cable Landing Licenses, Modifications, and Assignments or Transfers of Control of Interests in Cable Landing Licenses (47 C.F.R. § 1.767(a))

By the Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau:

Pursuant to An Act Relating to the Landing and Operation of Submarine Cables in the United States, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39 (Cable Landing License Act), Executive Order No. 10530, Exec. Ord. No. 10530 reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, and section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767, the following applications ARE GRANTED. These grants of authority are taken under section 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

These applications have been coordinated with the Department of State and other Executive Branch agencies pursuant to section 1.767(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.767(b), and consistent with procedures established with the Department of State. See Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act, IB Docket No. 00-106, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167, 22192-93, paras. 51-52 (2001) (Submarine Cable Landing License Report and Order); Streamlined Procedures for Executive Branch Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Requests, State Department Media Note (Revised) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001) available at http://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2001/6951.htm.

This public notice serves as each cable landing licensee's Cable Landing License, or modification thereto, pursuant to the Cable Landing License Act and sections 1.767 and 1.768 of the Commission's rules. Cable landing licensees should review carefully the terms and conditions of their licenses. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions or relevant Commission rules and policies could result in fines or forfeitures.

INFORMATIVE

SCL-STA-20210308-00015

GU Holdings Inc.

We grant the request for special temporary authority (STA) filed on March 8, 2021, by GU Holdings Inc. (GU Holdings) to allow the continued commercial operation of the portion of the Pacific Light Cable Network (PLCN) connecting the United States and Taiwan while the Commission considers the application for a cable landing license for the cable, SCL-LIC-20200827-00038. On April 8, 2020, the Commission granted GU Holdings an STA to operate the PLCN cable system on a commercial basis between the United States and Taiwan, conditioned on GU Holdings abiding by the commitments and undertakings contained in the April 7, 2020 Provisional National Security Agreement for an STA between GU Holdings, and the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense (April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA), SCL-STA-20200402-00015. On September 22, 2020, the Commission granted an extension of that special temporary authority conditioned on GU Holdings abiding by the commitments and undertakings April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA and the September 18, 2020 Extension of Provisional National Security Agreement for Requested Special Temporary Authority. See SCL-STA-20200827-00037. GU Holdings seeks the same special temporary authority that the Commission granted on September 22, 2020.

We grant the Petition to Adopt Conditions for Special Temporary Authority (Petition) filed in this proceeding on March 19, 2021, by the Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. Accordingly, we condition grant of the STA on GU Holdings abiding by the commitments and undertakings in the April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA and the March 18, 2021 Second Extension of the Provisional National Security Agreement for Requested Special Temporary Authority (Second Extension of the Provisional NSA). A failure to comply and/or remain in compliance with any of these commitments and undertakings shall constitute a failure to meet a condition of the STA and grounds for declaring the STA terminated without further action on the part of the Commission. Failure to meet a condition of the STA may also result in monetary sanctions or other enforcement action by the Commission. A copy of the Petition, the April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA, and the Second Extension of the Provisional NSA may be viewed on the FCC website through the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS) by searching for SCL-STA-20210308-00015 and accessing "Other filings related to this application" from the Document Viewing area.

GU Holdings acknowledges that grant of the STA will not prejudice action by the Commission on the underlying application and that the STA is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice without a hearing. The STA expires on September 15, 2021.

SCL-STA-20210308-00016

GU Holdings Inc.

Request for special temporary authority (STA) filed by GU Holdings Inc. and Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC (Edge USA) (together, Applicants), to allow the Applicants to continue to construct, connect, and test the Pacific Light Cable Network while the Commission considers the application for a cable landing license for the cable, SCL-LIC-20200827-00038. On September 22, 2020, the Commission granted an STA to allow the continued construction and testing of the Pacific Light Cable Network while the Commission considers the application for a cable landing license for the cable. See SCL-STA-20200828-00039. See also SCL-STA-20180907-00033, SCL-STA-20190327-00011, SCL-STA-20190906-00032, SCL-STA-20200313-00014. GU Holdings and Edge seek the same STA for the construction and testing of the cable that was granted on September 22, 2020.

The Applicants acknowledge that grant of the STA will not prejudice action by the Commission on the underlying application and that the STA is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice without a hearing. The STA expires on September 15, 2021.